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Educational television for Montana schools will be studied this year by State Superintendent Harriet Miller's Educational Television Committee, as a result of a Ford Foundation grant just made to the Committee. The \$21,450 grant will make possible a year-long survey of Montana's educational TV needs. The study will be directed by Dr. Erling Jorgenson, Director of Radio and Television at MSU. Committee members include representatives from the six university units, plus elementary and secondary school people . . . M. C. Gallagher, Billings Superintendent; Mrs. Laura Jane Taft, Glacier County Superintendent; Peter Vukad, Wibaux Superintendent; Al Blockey, Division of Visual Education, Bozeman, and Miss Miller.

Department of Public Instruction staff news, since last spring's issue . . .

William L. Erickson, Director of Instructional Services and NDEA Coordinator, was appointed Deputy State Superintendent on July 1, succeeding Paul T. O'Hare who resigned to accept the post of Assistant to the Superintendent of the Billings schools. Erickson continues with his NDEA duties.

James F. Watkins, former Superintendent of Schools at Stanford, joined the DPI in June as State Supervisor of Mathematics and Science for NDEA, to replace Clark W. Fowler who earlier was appointed Director of Financial and Statistical Services.

Dean M. Lindahl, former Superintendent of Schools at Valier, succeeds Parks Whitmer as Director of School Transportation. Whitmer, who received a graduate fellowship under NDEA, begins studies this month at the University of Denver.

Betty Lou Hoffman, assistant to the State Supervisor of Home Economics Education, resumed her duties this summer after a year's leave, during which she studied for her Master's Degree at Michigan State University.

William C. Howard, former Superintendent of Schools at Colstrip, becomes Director of Indian Education this month, succeeding Knute W. Bergan, who has retired after 40 years of service to Montana schools.

Richard C. Mattson, former Guidance Counselor at Flathead County High School, Kalispell, this month becomes Supervisor of Special Education and Field Supervisor for Guidance. Former Special Education Supervisor Richard C. Schofer, now completing his doctorate at Colorado State College, spent his month's "vacation" at the DPI to help out in the interim.

Mac Johnson, Aviation Education Supervisor, left the DPI September 1 to join the faculty of Northern Montana College at Havre.

Course Guide Information . . .

SCIENCE: Now being distributed -- the Tentative Montana Science Guide for Grades 7-12, including Junior High School -- covering Biology, Chemistry, Physics and, for junior high, one year courses in Life Science, Earth Science, Physical Science. In trial use for the first time last year, this guide was revised by the Science Curriculum Committee during the summer, on the basis of teacher comments.

LANGUAGE ARTS: Issued this fall -- Tentative Language Arts Guide, Grades 1-8, and Program for Developmental Reading, Grades 1-8. For general trial use, this course material will be revised next summer after experimental opportunity for teachers to analyze the guide and make recommendations.

ENGLISH: The Study Guide in English, Grades 9-12, issued last year, is still available at \$1.80 per copy (cost plus mailing charges) from the Department of Public Instruction.

SOCIAL STUDIES, Grades 1-12, and HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION, Grades 1-12: Study guides are now being edited and are scheduled for trial distribution in mid-winter.

TEACHERS OF EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN FOR THE WEST, a new report on the West's needs in special education, is available in limited quantity from State Superintendent Harriet Miller, who served on the committee which made the study, under the auspices of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

Montana School Bus Drivers will meet for their 1960 Conference at Eastern Montana College of Education, Billings, October 27-29. Program features general instruction for drivers, plus an intensive 8-hour first aid course.

The education of mentally-retarded children will be studied under U. S. Office of Education fellowships awarded to Howard G. Stuart, Butte and LeRoy Aserlind,Jr., Helena. Stuart has worked in Special Education in the Butte schools; Aserlind has been the State Board of Health's Speech-Hearing Consultant.

September 17 is Constitution Day . . . September 23 is the deadline for registering to vote in the November election.

TEACHER EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES, 1961-62, a new publication by the U. S. Office of Education, gives October 15 as the deadline for applying for the 400 positions open to American teachers in 55 foreign countries. Details from Teacher Exchange Section, U. S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education & Welfare, Washington 25, D. C.

Contests approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Montana Department of Public Instruction include:

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Contest . . .

National High School Writing Contest, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Ladies Auxiliary . . .

12th Annual Awards Program of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.